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The Honorable Chairman and Members of the  
Hawaii Public Utilities Commission  
465 South King Street, Room 103  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Docket No. 2008-0273 – Feed-In Tariff Investigation

On December 11, 2008, the Commission invited the parties to the above-referenced proceeding to provide written comments on the National Regulatory Research Institute paper titled "Feed-in Tariffs: Best Design Focusing Hawaii's Investigation" (Scoping Paper) by December 31, 2008.

On December 23, 2008, the HECO Companies<sup>1</sup> and Consumer Advocate<sup>2</sup> submitted for the Commission's consideration their Joint Proposal on Feed-In Tariffs ("FIT Proposal"). The FIT Proposal identifies the HECO Companies' and the Consumer Advocate's position and proposals regarding key policy and design elements of a feed-in tariff, which, in conjunction with the pricing and other information to be submitted by the parties to this docket as requested in the Commission's Scoping Paper, can serve as the basis for developing detailed tariff sheets following a Commission decision and order.

In light of the December 23, 2008 submission, please allow this to advise that the HECO Companies do not intend to provide written comments on the Scoping Paper. The HECO Companies will provide responses to the questions set forth in Appendices A and C of the Scoping Paper as directed in the Commission's December 11, 2008 correspondence. The HECO Companies look forward to working with the Commission and parties in this proceeding to achieve a feed-in tariff that is consistent with both the considerations and criteria set forth in the Scoping Paper and the Commission's October 24, 2008 Order Initiating Investigation.

Very truly yours,

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